

Reality and Possibility in the Philosophy of Kant

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In the philosophy of Kant, the concept of reality is contained, as the objective reality of categories, in the problem formula of the transcendental deduction which is the essential task in the "Kritik der reinen Vernunft," and that of possibility is contained in the possibility problem of synthetic *a priori* judgements which is also the central question of the Kritik. These concepts have a close relation with each other, and each term has many different meanings. The term reality is used (1) as the objective reality of categories, (2) as one of the categories, (3) as the object of sensation and (4) as *realitas* in its older meaning. And the term possibility is used (1) as the possibility of synthetic *a priori* judgements, (2) as a possible experience or the possibility of experience, and (3) one of the categories. I have tried to explain the meaning and relation of these concepts in each usage.